(b) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Commission and the National Geophysical Research Institute are collaborating in the exploration of oil in the potentially oil-rich sedimentary basin?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PETROLEUM IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI GARGI SHANKAR MISHRA): (a) Decan Trap does not have a significant potential for hydrocarbons.

(b) Oil and Natural Gas Commission and National Geophysical Research Institute are collaborating in the exploration for oil/gas in Vindhyan basin and the Decan Syneclise.

**External services of All India Radio**

29. SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the external services of the All India Radio are adequate to make a proper presentation of Indian News an view points; and

(b) what steps are being planned to augment the services during the next three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPATMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) It is a fact that the programmes broadcast on the External Services do not reach the American continents. Even in respect of other areas, the reception is subject to interference due to the over-crowding in the short-wave spectrum by more powerful transmitters operated by other countries.

(b) During the current Five Year Plan, schemes for installation of 4 more short-wave transmitters of 250 K.W. each and 2 more short-wave transmitters of 500 each have been sanctioned and taken up for installation. These short-wave transmitters alongwith suitable strengthening of the infra-structure for the soft ware, as may be found necessary, would be commissioned during the next three years.

**Inflow of Foreign Programmes on T.V.**

30. SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whehter it is a fact that there has recently been increased inflow of foreign programmes on T.V. influencing life styles to western modes; and

(b) whether Government propose to review the policy on the subject?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) No Sir. Doordarshan telecasts only few selected foreign programmes which form a small percentage of total telecast time. A committee of eminent experts has recently been constituted for the selection of foreign programmes for Doordarshan.

**Expansion of TV Programmes**

31. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for the expansion of T.V. programme in the country during the years 1984-85 and 1985-86;

(b) if so, whether the programme has since been finalised;

(c) whether any funds have been earmarked for the North-Eastern and Southern Region of the country; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard including the allotment of funds for different regions in the country?